

**Floating Balloon Basket.**  
An apparatus for floating a balloon basket in the event of its falling into the sea has been invented by a Frenchman, says the Philadelphia Record. It consists of a cylinder of membrane, which is automatically inflated by pressing a button, and is claimed to render the basket or car unsinkable. The apparatus is capable of buoying up two persons.

Russia raises \$1,500,000 a year by the sale of passports.

**A Little Thing.**  
"It is a little thing to speak a phrase of common comfort which by daily use has almost lost its sense, yet on the ear of him who thinks to feel unannounced it will fall like choicest music." It is a simple thing to suffer ordinary pain, but when it comes by day and night with neuralgia's cruel throbs, there is nothing better to cure it than St. Jacobs Oil, which, penetrating to every part that aches, lessens the pain and leaves a perfect cure behind it. It is a little thing to do, but the comfort of relief from such distress will make one feel the happier hours of life.

March 4 is a legal holiday in New Orleans. It is called "Fremont's Day."

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root cures all Kidney and Bladder troubles. Pamphlet and Consultation Free. Laboratory, Binghamton, N. Y.

The sea is estimated to contain 2,250,000,000 cubic miles of water.

**Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.**  
Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should be rejected, and the only safe and reliable remedy is that which is taken internally, and acts on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Halls' Catarrh Cure, be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and is made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Sold by Druggists, price 25c per bottle.

**An Important Difference.**  
To make it apparent to thousands who think themselves ill, that they are not affected with any disease, but that the system simply needs cleansing, is to bring comfort home to their hearts, as a certain condition is easily cured by using Syrup of Figs. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

**Black Rings**  
under the eyes and a sallow complexion show biliousness. This is one of the most disagreeable of stomach disorders, and if allowed to have its own way will result in great harm. Cure biliousness at once by using Halls' Tablets. One tablet gives relief.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup** for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

**Karl's Clover Root**, the great blood purifier, gives freshness and clearness to the complexion and cures constipation. 25c a bottle.

**Lake Oil** upon Troubled Waters is Hale's Honey of Horsebalm and Turpentine. Price 25c a bottle.

**Pike's Toothache Cure** in one minute. I cannot speak too highly of Pike's Cure for Consumption.—Mrs. FRANK MORRIS, 215 West Twenty-second St., New York, Oct. 20, '94.

**Irritated with sore eyes** use Dr. Isaac Thompson's Eye-water. Druggists sell at 25c per bottle.

**Hattie We'll and Happy**  
Used to Suffer From Impure Blood and Eruption



"Hood's Sarsaparilla cured my child of impure blood and eruptions on the head. She would scratch her head so that it would bleed. The sores spread behind her ears, and the poor child suffered terribly. I doctored her the best I know how but the sores did not get any better. But thanks to Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Olive Ointment, she is now well as any of the children. She is as large and healthy as any child five years old. This is all the medicine we take, for I do not like to give my child anything." GEORGE DANIEL, LAWRENCE STATION, N. J.

**Hood's Pills** Easy to buy, easy to take. The Greatest Medical Discovery of the Age.

**KENNEDY'S Medical Discovery.**  
DONALD KENNEDY, OF ROXBURY, MASS., Has discovered in one of our common pasture weeds a remedy that cures every kind of Humor, from the worst Scrofula down to a common pimple.

He has tried it in over eleven hundred cases, and never failed except in two cases (both thunder humors). He has now in his possession over two hundred certificates of its value, all within twenty miles of Boston. Send postal card for book. A benefit is always experienced from the first bottle, and a perfect cure is warranted when the right quantity is taken.

When the humors are affected it causes shooting pains, like needles passing through them; the same with the Liver or Bowels. This is caused by the ducts being stopped, and always disappears in a week after taking it. Read the label. If the stomach is full or bilious it will cause squamous feelings at first. No change of diet ever necessary. Eat the best you can get, and enough of it. Dose, one tablespoonful in water at bedtime. Sold by all Druggists.

**WALTER BAKER & CO.**  
The Largest Manufacturers of PURE, HIGH GRADE COCOAS AND CHOCOLATES  
On this Continent, have received HIGHEST AWARDS from the great Industrial and Food EXPOSITIONS in Europe and America.

**PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION**  
CURES WITH ALL LIFE PAIRS. Cures Cough, Spasms, Hoarseness, and all other ailments of the Throat, Lungs, and Chest. Sold by all Druggists.

## NEWS NOTES FOR WOMEN

January is the greatest shopping month of the year.

Camphor placed next to furs will make their color lighter.

Wedding outfits can be hired in New York for so much an hour.

The newest negligé jackets and gowns are made of Japanese quilted silk.

Lillian Russell is said to possess the finest collection of turquoises in the world.

Among your odd pieces of furniture you must have a carved antique oak spinning chair.

Of 15,840 girls in the public schools of St. Louis 5687 were dark-haired and 10,273 light-haired.

Mrs. Hovey, the sugar king's wife, employs sixty servants and pays her household \$10,000 a year.

When my lady shops or goes skating she wears the heaviest gloves made, with huge bone buttons and big clumsy fingers.

Miss Cora Sheep-in-the-Woods, a Sioux maiden, has, under the influence of civilization, become Miss Cora Bell Wether.

There are twenty-four women taking the graduate course at Yale this year. Among them is one from Radcliffe College.

The death of Miss Frances Mary Buss, at the age of sixty-seven, removes one of the educational pioneers of the day.

The Rev. Lydia Sexton, who for fifty-six years had been a preacher in Washington State, died recently, aged ninety-five.

Miss Cora Benneson, a graduate of the law school of the Michigan University, has been admitted to the bar in Massachusetts.

When Sophie Lyons, the noted shoplifter, was arrested in St. Louis a muffled thumb copy of "Triby" was found in her possession.

Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker attributes her good health in her old age to the fact that she employs an electrical massager at least twice a week.

It is the privilege of one of the noble ladies-in-waiting to the Queen of England to extract the seeds from the orange Her Majesty intends to eat.

Mrs. Arthur Stannard (John Strange Winter) is very superstitious, and always carries two scraps of gray fur inside the flock of her dress as a talisman.

There is no doubt that big sleeves are going out. The Princess of Wales and the Duchesses of York have all their gowns made with very moderate sleeves.

A colored woman in New Orleans is about to take her degree in medicine, and will be the first woman to practice in that city with a degree won in Louisiana.

Mrs. L. E. Castle, of Iowa, who is serving as justice of the peace, was elected to that position because the ticket had her initials instead of those of her husband.

The ex-Empress Eugenie, of France, has recently visited Queen Victoria at Windsor, and the two ladies went out shopping together in the quaint and drowsy old town.

A woman who was to play Lady Macbeth in a Topeka (Kan.) amateur show refused to go on because she couldn't have big sleeves for her sleep-walking gown.

"Patti can eat more candy in less time than any human being I have ever seen," is one New York woman's verdict regarding the sweet tooth propensities of the diva.

The appointment is announced of Carrie Liebig as a division surgeon of the Northern Pacific at Hope, Idaho. This is the first woman physician to be appointed in the railway service.

M. E. King, of Charleston, Me., has two young daughters, aged respectively ten and twelve years, who have broken a two-year-old colt to wagon and sleigh without the aid of any one.

Miss Ida Lockwood, of Munroe, has lately been commissioned Deputy County Recorder in Delaware County, Indiana. She has been a clerk in the office for eleven years, and is the first woman deputy in that county.

Queen Louise, of Denmark, is one of the oldest European monarchs. She is seventy-seven years of age, but is quite youthful in appearance. She was a princess of Hesse Cassel and like Victoria she has been a good mother.

Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, D. D., of Philadelphia, has received diplomas for the ministry, law and medicine. She is Vice-President of the National woman suffragists, has an orotund speaking voice and is one of the most aggressive talkers of her sex.

Professor Porter's elaborate investigation of the weight of women seems to show that during early girlhood brunettes weigh a trifle more than blondes, but that after they have attained womanhood there is no significant difference in their weight.

One field in which woman has not yet attained great prominence is pilotage. Miss Elizabeth Polhemus, of San Diego, Cal., is qualifying herself to remedy this deficiency. She expects in eight months to pass examinations admitting her to the company of ocean pilots of the harbor of San Diego.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Parker, of Philadelphia, deserves the thanks of all women. She has invented a trunk that can be raised to any desired height for convenience in packing and unpacking, doing away with the back-breaking and the kneeling positions necessary in packing ordinary trunks.

**A Hen That Sings.**  
Miss Addie Eann, the pretty young daughter of Captain Simon Baum, at Bazley, Ga., has a singing hen that attracts great attention from the traveling public. Miss Baum plays while the hen is on the top of the piano. She tells the hen to sing. The hen sings with expression, keeping correct time and varying its tones to correspond with the piano. The hen is a musical trunk.—Atlanta Constitution.

## TEMPERANCE

**YOUNG WALTER BRINK.**  
Now, what do you think?  
Young Walter Brink  
He had in his eye a colic—  
He had a fool,  
So he went to school,  
And filled his head with knowledge,  
But his sister Jane  
Was so terribly vain  
That she grew up weak and simple;  
She wanted her hair  
"Way round" to the south  
To show off her pretty dimple.  
Young Walter Brink  
Oh took a drink  
From the outside well, quite handy;  
So his brain was clear,  
For he was not beer,  
Drank his, or gin, or brandy.  
—Mrs. M. A. Kidder, in Temperance Banner.

**THEY WERE ALL TINY.**  
In the town of X (Victoria) I had occasion to go and see the Mayor. I found him tiny. On leaving his presence I went to the office of the Town Clerk. He was tiny. From there I went to call upon the director of the principal bank. He was tiny. The proprietor of the hotel where I was staying was in bed, suffering from delirium tremens. The same night at my lecture the police had to assist in the removal of two individuals who, by the way, were preventing the audience from following me. One was a prominent person of the town, and the other was the worthy representative of the district in Parliament.—Max O'Neil.

**SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE TEACHING.**  
Fifteen million children in the United States are now studying the science of temperance on the human system. Scientific temperance teaching has also been introduced into Canada, France, England, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Denmark, West Indies, Bulgaria, Turkey in Asia, India, Siam, China and Japan.—The Child's Health Primer, having been translated into Chinese by an American missionary—Amoy, New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands and South Africa should be included in the estimate; and every State and Territory of the fifty subdivisions of the United States (five only excepted) now enjoy the advantage of a law requiring instruction on this subject. Thanks to the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

**ANOTHER SINGLE'S TESTIMONY.**  
Mr. W. Kubie, the veteran pianist and musical manager, has a very interesting story in the accepted notions as to the effect of stimulants upon the voice of a public singer. Formerly all singers had, in obedience to medical advice, to abstain from alcohol, and plenty of port was also recommended for the voice. Stimulants were, in fact, ordered lavishly. Nowadays, on the other hand, it is an accepted article of faith among the scientific and the sober that port is out of date as a medicine, and lemons have become the fashion for those who wish to preserve their voices and keep their power of sustaining high notes.

**COLD WATER SOLDIERS.**  
One of the surprising features of the elegant reception tendered to the new chief of Governor Morton's staff, General Edwin A. McAlpin, at Albany, N. Y., recently, was the entire absence of alcohol among the beverages. The general brigade and the doughty warriors who thronged his drawing-rooms satisfied their thirst with mineral water and coffee punch, which last is simply clear strong coffee, molliated with sugar and diluted with lemon juice. The precedent was an unusual one, and it is to be established, and has excited quite as much admiration as surprise. It was a good example for officers to follow, and it is to be hoped that no soldier should ever be trusted with a gun, and a captain who drinks while on duty cannot expect his men to remain sober.—Pittsburg.

**TOTAL ABSTINENCE THE BEST RULE.**  
Statistical observations made in 1887 among British troops in India gave the following results: The daily percentage of invalids among the members of temperance societies was 3.65, while for the remainder of the troops it was 10.25. The average annual mortality in England for all ages between fifteen and seventy years is about twenty per 1000. Among insured lives it is about eleven per 1000, while in the Temperance Provident Institution, after an experience of eight years, and with several lives insured seventy years of age, the average mortality has been only six per 1000. The Briton Life Association has made an annual reduction of ten per cent. upon the premiums of all who have been abstinent for two years. It is a question whether an occasional spree, with entire abstinence between, would not be less injurious than to constantly absorbing alcoholic poisons in small quantities. What is the moral and the application of these facts? Just this: An order like that which has been issued to members who have crossed the line and who even occasionally drink to excess. Moreover, the nearer we can come to the standard of total abstinence the better it will be. Quality is more important than quantity. Total abstinence, or other things being equal, the best rule. Total abstinence from all that intoxicates is the best rule for everyone.—Irish World.

**TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.**  
Persistent drunkards should be classed as suicides.  
Cleveland, Ohio, has one saloon to every 175 inhabitants.  
The number of liquor licenses in the city of Brooklyn, January 1, 1895, was 4594.  
The Knights of Pythias have a general law excluding bar-keepers from their lodges.  
The Good Templars of Sweden number 60,000, and have twelve members of the order in the Swedish Parliament.

**AN ALPENA MIRACLE.**  
MRS. JAS. M. TODD, OF LONG RAPIDS, DISCARDS HER CRUTCHES.

In an interview with a Reporter She Reviews Her Experience and Tells the Real Cause of the Miracle.  
(From the Argus, Alpena, Mich.)  
We have long known Mrs. Jas. M. Todd, of Long Rapids, Alpena Co., Mich. She has been a deaf cripple. Many of her friends know the story of her recovery; for the benefit of those who do not we publish it to-day.

Eight years ago she was taken with nervous prostration, and in a few months with muscular and inflammatory rheumatism. It affected her heart, then her head. Her feet became so swollen that she could not get up on them; her hands were drawn all out of shape. Her eyes were swollen shut more than half the time, her knee joints terribly swollen and for eighteen months she had to be held up to be dressed. One limb became entirely helpless, and the skin was so dry and cracked that it would bleed. During those eight years she had been treated by a score of physicians, and has also spent much time at Ann Arbor under best medical advice. All said her trouble was brought on by hard work and that medicine would not cure, and that rest was the only thing which would ease her. After going to live with her daughter she became entirely helpless and could not even raise her arms to cover herself at night. The interesting part of the story follows in her own words:

"I was urged to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and at last did so. In three days after I commenced taking Pink Pills I could sit up and dress myself, and after using them six weeks I went home and commenced working. I continued taking the pills, until now I begin to forget my crippled state. Many men who are ailing might cure themselves by simply breaking their bottles and spilling the contents. One thing is now clear: That alcoholic intoxicants are very rarely useful as a medicine, and at the best dangerous remedies, and that other things being equal, the less they are resorted to the better the chances for the patient's recovery, the more healthy the body and brain, the better for physical, intellectual and moral well-being.—Norman Kerr, M. D.

**Mensching Outbreaks in China.**  
In Chinese waters at present Great Britain has twenty-eight war ships, representing a total water displacement of 71,943 tons and an ordnance armament of 213 guns. Russia has twenty-two ships of 11,500 tons displacement, carrying 346 guns, and France thirteen vessels, representing 25,545 tons displacement and armed with 165 guns. Although numerically smaller, it will be noted that Russia's fleet is stronger than the British by 154 guns.

**North Carolina Prosperous.**  
Never was the cotton manufacturing industry in North Carolina more prosperous. Nearly all the mills are running large divisions, and their number is steadily increasing.

## Insects in Communities.

In a paper recently read before an English scientific association, an interesting account was given of the management of communities of bees and ants. The functions and duties of individuals, the guardianship of community welfare, the facilities for increase and reconstruction, and the methods of government were commented on. In colonies of white ants, it was stated that the governing forces had the power to produce at will various kinds of individuals. Certain communities have what appeared to be assistant queens and kings, evidently provided in case of accident or to the death of the existing queen. There were colonies in which soldier-ants abounded; others where there were none at all, but where they were produced on short notice in times when there was likely to be need of them. Some sorts of ants feed upon their dead relations, and multitudes have been destroyed by those who went outside to get food. They returned to their homes, died, and were devoured by their fellows, they in turn dying in large numbers. Entire tribes were swept off in this way. The study of bees is even more interesting. There are sometimes hundreds of thousands of worker-bees with one queen. It is quite the rule that only the workers and the queen survive the winter. The drone is the male bee, and when his services are not required he is killed and thrown from the hive. The queen lays her eggs in cells built for her by the workers, who are sexless bees. In large cells the eggs hatch into drones; in the small ones into workers. The queen is fed, the young bees cared for and the housework of the establishment is done by bees too young for flight or so old that their wings will not bear them to their honey-gathering flights. The queen rarely allows a rival, and if a new queen is hatched, a swarm almost immediately goes out from the parent hive, or else the original queen or the new one must perish. There have been instances where two queens dwelt peacefully in one hive, but arrangements are so rare that they may be looked upon as phenomenal.—New York Ledger.

**He Leaped for Life.**  
Governor James H. Budd, of California, recently told the following story of an escape from the bite of a rattlesnake which he once had: "I was up in Calaveras County fishing along the Stanislaus. I had been told of an almost inaccessible pool up the river at the base of the perpendicular cliffs, and fairly alive with trout. I took the place, and also found that there was only one way to get a hook in the pool. I had to climb on my hands and knees up a steep path to a sort of shelf on the cliff. On the other side of the shelf was a sheer drop of forty feet down to the pool. Just as I dragged myself upon the top of the ledge the whirr of a rattlesnake startled me. Naturally I jumped to my feet, exhausted as I was, but dropped my fishing rod. "The coiled rattler was within two feet of me and preparing to strike. Either he had got down on my hands and knees again or jumped to the top of the pool. As I saw the diamond head of the snake draw back to strike I decided and jumped. Just as I sprang the rattler struck. I had a pair of moccasins on my feet and the fangs of the snake fastened in the one nearest him. As I went down I remember seeing the snake flying over the side of the pool. Its fangs had caught and I had carried it with me. "Just what happened in the second or two after I struck the water in my dive of forty feet I don't know. Fortunately the pool was fairly deep. As I dragged myself upon the rocks at the edge, I realized with a thankfulness I never knew before that I was not only alive, but had escaped the snake and broken bones. I was badly bruised, but not seriously hurt. What became of the snake I don't know."—Detroit Free Press.

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The photographs of a large number of those cured of consumption, bronchitis, lingering coughs, asthma, chronic nasal catarrh and kindred maladies, have been skillfully reproduced in a book of 150 pages which will be mailed to you, on receipt of address and six cents in stamps. You can then write those cured and learn their experience. Address: WOOD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Buffalo, N. Y.

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## A Billed Buzzard Shot.

For probably twenty years, as intervals, the press of the State has contained notices of a "billed buzzard." Sometimes he would be seen in north Mississippi, sometimes in south Mississippi. Unless there were more than one "billed buzzard," however, this much-wondered-at curiosity is no longer in evidence. While L. J. Dear, of Rankin County, was out hunting his attention was attracted by the tinkling of a small bell, the sound of which seemed to come from nowhere in particular. For some time he searched for the source of the ringing, and was finally rewarded by discovering a buzzard flying over him with a bell suspended from its neck. He shot the bird, and found the bell fastened on with a small leather strap, upon which was cut the name "Parks," presumably the surname of individual who fastened it on the bird. It is to be regretted that Mr. "Parks" did not also engrave his postoffice address on the collar. It would be interesting to know how long the bell has been worn and how many miles his buzzardship has traveled since donning his badge of civilization.—Terry (Miss.) Head-light.

**Metal Railroad Ties.**  
A protest against the denunciation of forests in order to secure material for railroad ties is made in a report issued by the Agricultural Department on the use of metal railroad ties and preservative processes and metal tie plates of wooden ties. It shows that about twenty per cent. of the railroad mileage of the world, outside the United States and Canada, is laid on metal. Although progress in this direction in our country has been slow, the report says by the waning of forest supplies, and as the railroad companies begin more and more to assume a permanent and less speculative character, it can be a question of only a short time when this saving of forest supplies will be forced upon them, insuring greater efficiency and final economy.—Washington Star.

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